



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No.

LCO No. 81

Referred to Committee on

Introduced by:
(GAE)

AN ACT LIMITING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE CONTRACTORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 9-333n of the general statutes, as amended by
2 section 14 of public act 03-241, is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

4 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any
5 one calendar year in excess of five thousand dollars to the state central
6 committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
7 to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a town
8 committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee
9 pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a
10 political committee other than (1) a political committee formed solely
11 to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an
12 exploratory committee, (3) a political committee established by an
13 organization, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its
14 authorization or request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate
15 of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace of the
16 same town.

17 (b) No individual shall make a contribution to a political committee
18 established by an organization which receives its funds from the
19 organization's treasury. With respect to a political committee
20 established by an organization which has complied with the provisions
21 of subsection (b) or (c) of section 9-333p, and has elected to receive
22 contributions, no individual other than a member of the organization
23 may make contributions to the committee, in which case the individual
24 may contribute not more than five hundred dollars in any one calendar
25 year to such committee or for the benefit of such committee pursuant
26 to its authorization or request.

27 (c) In no event may any individual make contributions to a
28 candidate committee and a political committee formed solely to
29 support one candidate other than an exploratory committee or for the
30 benefit of a candidate committee and a political committee formed
31 solely to support one candidate pursuant to the authorization or
32 request of any such committee, in an amount which in the aggregate is
33 in excess of the maximum amount which may be contributed to the
34 candidate.

35 (d) Any individual may make unlimited contributions or
36 expenditures to aid or promote the success or defeat of any
37 referendum question, provided any individual who makes an
38 expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to
39 promote the success or defeat of any referendum question shall file
40 statements according to the same schedule and in the same manner as
41 is required of a campaign treasurer of a political committee under
42 section 9-333j.

43 (e) Any individual acting alone may, independent of any candidate,
44 agent of the candidate, or committee, make unlimited expenditures to
45 promote the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election,
46 or nomination at a primary, to any office or position, provided any
47 individual who makes an independent expenditure or expenditures in
48 excess of one thousand dollars to promote the success or defeat of any

49 candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any
50 such office or position shall file statements according to the same
51 schedule and in the same manner as is required of a campaign
52 treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-333j.

53 (f) (1) As used in this subsection and subsection (f) of section 9-333j,
54 (A) "investment services" means investment legal services, investment
55 banking services, investment advisory services, underwriting services,
56 financial advisory services or brokerage firm services, and (B)
57 "principal of an investment services firm" means (i) an individual who
58 is a director of or has an ownership interest in an investment services
59 firm to which the State Treasurer pays compensation, expenses or fees
60 or issues a contract, except for an individual who owns less than five
61 per cent of the shares of an investment services firm which is a
62 publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is employed by
63 such an investment services firm as president, treasurer, or executive
64 or senior vice president, (iii) an employee of such an investment
65 services firm who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with
66 respect to any investment services provided to the State Treasurer, (iv)
67 the spouse or a dependent child of an individual described in this
68 subparagraph, or (v) a political committee established by or on behalf
69 of an individual described in this subparagraph.

70 (2) No principal of an investment services firm shall make a
71 contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory
72 committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for
73 nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer during the term
74 of office of the State Treasurer who pays compensation, expenses or
75 fees or issues a contract to such firm.

76 (3) Neither the State Treasurer, the Deputy State Treasurer, any
77 unclassified employee of the office of the State Treasurer acting on
78 behalf of the State Treasurer or Deputy State Treasurer, any candidate
79 for the office of State Treasurer, any member of the Investment
80 Advisory Council established under section 3-13b nor any agent of any

81 such candidate may solicit contributions on behalf of an exploratory
82 committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for
83 nomination or election to any public office, a political committee or a
84 party committee, from a principal of an investment services firm,
85 except that the prohibition in this subsection shall not apply to an
86 incumbent State Treasurer who establishes an exploratory committee
87 or candidate committee for any public office other than State
88 Treasurer.

89 (4) No member of the Investment Advisory Council appointed
90 under section 3-13b shall make a contribution to, or solicit
91 contributions on behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate
92 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the
93 office of State Treasurer.

94 (5) The provisions of this subsection shall not restrict an individual
95 from establishing an exploratory or candidate committee for the
96 individual's own campaign or from soliciting contributions for such
97 committees from persons not prohibited from making contributions
98 under this subsection.

99 (g) (1) As used in this subsection, "state officer" means the Governor,
100 Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Comptroller or Attorney
101 General.

102 (2) If a state officer awards a contract or contracts which, separately
103 or in the aggregate, have a value of one hundred thousand dollars or
104 more to a business, (A) no individual who is an owner, partner,
105 director or officer of said business, or a manager of said business who
106 has substantial policy or decision-making authority concerning the
107 administration of the contract shall make a contribution or
108 contributions in excess of one hundred dollars to, or for the benefit of,
109 said state officer's campaign for nomination at a primary or reelection
110 to the same office or election to any other public office or to an
111 exploratory committee formed by said state officer, and (B) said state
112 officer and the officer's committee or agent shall not solicit

113 contributions, on behalf of the candidate or exploratory committee
114 established by said state officer or the candidate or exploratory
115 committee established by any other candidate for nomination or
116 election to any other public office or on behalf of any political
117 committee or party committee, from (i) any individual who is an
118 owner, officer, director, partner or such a manager of said business, (ii)
119 any individual who is an owner, officer, director or partner of a
120 subcontractor of said business for such contract or a manager of said
121 subcontractor who has substantial policy or decision-making authority
122 concerning the administration of the subcontract, (iii) the spouse of
123 any such individual or a dependent child of any such individual who
124 resides in the individual's household, or (iv) a political committee
125 established by said business or subcontractor.

126 (3) Each state officer shall keep a list of (A) businesses to which the
127 state officer has awarded a contract or contracts of one hundred
128 thousand dollars or more, and (B) all subcontractors under said
129 contracts. Said list shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of
130 Information Act and shall be available to the State Elections
131 Enforcement Commission. Each contract issued by a state officer shall
132 include the provisions of subparagraph (A) of subdivision (2) of this
133 subsection as a condition of the contract. Each business to which a state
134 officer has awarded a contract or contracts of one hundred thousand
135 dollars or more and each subcontractor under said contract shall
136 maintain a list of such business' or subcontractor's owners, partners,
137 directors, officers and managers with substantial policy or decision-
138 making authority related to the administration of such contracts and
139 shall provide such list to the State Elections Enforcement Commission
140 upon request.

141 (4) For purposes of this subsection, (A) a contract awarded by a
142 department head in the executive branch of state government who is
143 appointed by the Governor shall be deemed to have been awarded by
144 the Governor, and (B) a contract awarded by a board, commission,
145 council or other multimember authority, for which a majority of the

146 members are appointed by a single state officer, shall be deemed to
147 have been awarded by said state officer.

148 Sec. 2. Section 9-333w of the general statutes is amended by adding
149 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2004*):

150 (NEW) (g) The campaign treasurer of an exploratory committee or
151 candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or
152 election as a state officer, as defined in subdivision (1) of subsection (g)
153 of section 9-333n, as amended by this act, which sponsors any written,
154 typed or other printed communication for the purpose of raising funds
155 shall include in such communication a statement concerning the
156 contribution limit set forth in subsection (g) of section 9-333n, as
157 amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

Statement of Purpose:

To (1) impose a limit on contributions of one hundred dollars to the candidate committee of a state-wide elected official from the owners, partners and managers of any firm that has a substantial government contract with such state-wide elected official, (2) prohibit any such state-wide elected official from soliciting contributions from any such owner, partner or manager of such contractor, any owner, partner or manager of a subcontractor on such government contract, any affiliated political committee of such persons, contractor or subcontractor and the immediate family members of such persons, (3) require the establishment and publication of a list of all such contracts and the parties to such contracts, and (4) require a clause in all such contracts setting forth the contribution limit as a condition of the contract, the violation of which may result in the voiding of such contract.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]